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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 02-15

Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

Subject: Permit Requirements for Pathogenic Organisms, Including Challenge Materials

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
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This is a republication of Notice 02-15, which was originally published on July 26, 2002. The purpose of this republication is to clarify that the effective date of this notice is August 31, 2002, and which agents require permits.

Current U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) regulations require recipients of livestock and poultry pathogens to obtain a USDA veterinary permit for the transport of livestock and poultry pathogens. Therefore, licensees will need to supply a copy of their USDA veterinary permit with any order for livestock or poultry pathogens, including challenge materials. Effective August 31, 2002, the Center for Veterinary Biologics-Laboratory will not ship any pathogenic cultures for livestock or poultry species to licensees without a copy of a valid permit. Shipment of pathogens for small companion animals (dogs, cats, and ferrets) that are specific and only infective for these animals will not require permits.

If you do not already have a valid permit, please submit a single permit application listing all the cultures you anticipate ordering in the coming year. Permits are good for 1 year, and you may request amendments and renewal of the permit as needed. Please apply at your earliest convenience, as the review and processing of a permit may take 6 to 8 weeks.

There are several methods for submitting a permit application. You may apply online at the web site, <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>. Alternatively, you may download an application from the web site or call (301) 734-3277 to have an application faxed to you. You may then fax your completed application to (301) 734-8226. For faxed and online applications, you must pay the \$94 user fee by credit card or use a previously established USDA, APHIS user fee credit account. If you wish to pay the user fee by check, you may mail your application to USDA, APHIS, VS, NCIE, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737. However, please note that recently there have been delays in mail delivery.

If you have further questions about the permit process, please contact the National Center for Import and Export at (301) 734-3277.

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